GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNAL FORCES
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the activities of certain communal forces are detrimental to the sagacity of our Constitution and also communal harmony of the country;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to impose ban on the communal parties in the country to maintain secular spirit of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(d):The activities of all organisations having a bearing on the maintenance of peace and communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcing agencies and requisite legal action is taken wherever necessary. During the year 2001 two organisations were declared unlawful associations under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

`Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence the State Governments are primarily concerned with the issues under question . The Union Government, assists the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations through a variety of measures i.e. sharing of information, sending alert messages, advisories, Guidelines etc., making available Central Para-military forces and Rapid Action Force on specific request and in the modernisation of police forces. Promotional efforts include `Observance of Quami Ekta Week` and giving away of Annual Communal Harmony Awards and Kabir Puraskar.

The Government is very much alive to the sensitivities of the minority communities in this regard and reaffirms its commitment to uphold the secular principles enshrined in the Constitution as well as to safeguard the interests of the minorities and to maintain peace and communal harmony in the country at all costs.